



# Weekly Legislative Update

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## News/Notes

*Today marks the 40th day of the 55<sup>th</sup> Legislature, 2<sup>nd</sup> Regular Session.*

- With the exception of bills heard in the Appropriations committee all bills must have received a hearing in order to move forward in the legislative process after today. Bills that have not received a hearing have been marked "Dead."

## Posted Committee Hearings

**H2560:** appropriation; DWR; water efficiency projects

Hearing: House Appropriations (Monday 02/21/22 at 8:30 AM, House Rm. 1)

## Bill Summaries

*The following bills are being reviewed internally for impacts to the Department and the State's water resources. If the Department has taken a position on a bill it will be noted. (The following bills do not represent the extensive list of bills ADWR Legislative Affairs is tracking.)*

### House of Representatives

**HB 2037:** expenditures; authority; water; wastewater

**Summary:** County boards of supervisors are authorized to appropriate and spend public monies for and in connection with participating in water reuse and recycling programs or regional water recharge projects, and purchasing water rights to demonstrate an assured water supply. County flood control district boards of directors are authorized to cooperate and join with private water and wastewater utilities that engage in underground water storage and recovery projects.

**First sponsor:** Rep. Cook (R - Dist 8)

**Disposition:** 2/16 from House nat res-energy-water with amend

**HB 2054:** water quality appeals board; continuation

**Summary:** The statutory life of the Water Quality Appeals Board is extended eight years to July 1, 2030.

Retroactive to July 1, 2022.

**First sponsor:** Rep. Griffin (R - Dist 14)

**Disposition:** 2/17 referred to Senate nat res-energy-water.

**HB 2055: *Harquahala non-expansion area; groundwater transportation***

**Summary:** A public service corporation that is regulated by the Corporation Commission, that holds a certificate of convenience and necessity for water service in an initial active management area, and that owns land eligible to be irrigated in the Harquahala irrigation non-expansion area is added to the list of entities that are authorized to withdraw groundwater from the land for transportation to an initial active management area for its own use or use by the Arizona Water Banking Authority if a list of specified conditions are met.

**First sponsor:** Rep. Griffin (R - Dist 14)

**Disposition:** 2/17 retained on House COW calendar.

**ADWR Position:** Neutral

**HB 2056: *fifth management period; extension***

**Summary:** The end of the fifth management period for active management areas is extended ten years to 2035. The deadline for all persons notified pursuant to statute to comply with the applicable irrigation water duty or conservation requirements for the fifth management period is also extended ten years to January 1, 2035.

**First sponsor:** Rep. Griffin (R - Dist 14)

**Disposition:** 2/15 held in House Nat Res **Dead**

**HB 2057: *water supply development fund; revisions***

**Summary:** Monies in the Water Supply Development Revolving Fund may be used for providing technical assistance to water providers for water supply development projects. Increases the maximum amount of a single Water Infrastructure Finance Authority grant to water providers for water supply development projects to \$250,000, from \$100,000.

**First sponsor:** Rep. Griffin (R - Dist 14)

**Disposition:** 2/17 referred to Senate nat res-energy-water.

**HB 2131: *HOA's; artificial grass ban prohibited***

**Summary:** In any planned community that allows grass on a member's property, a homeowner's association (HOA) cannot prohibit installing or using artificial grass on any member's property. An HOA is allowed to adopt reasonable rules regarding the installation and appearance of artificial grass if those rules do not prevent installing or using the artificial grass. The court is required to award reasonable attorney fees and costs to any party that prevails in an action against the HOA for a violation of this legislation.

**First sponsor:** Rep. Kavanagh (R - Dist 23)

**Disposition:** 2/15 from House rules okay.

**HB 2231: *universities; water rights adjudications***

**Summary:** A university under the jurisdiction of the Arizona Board of Regents is authorized to offer pro bono assistance to claimants who are small landowners in the general stream adjudication of water rights who are not represented by counsel. Any university that offers such assistance is required to cooperate and coordinate with the faculty of a cooperative extension in Arizona that has a program to support the economic vitality of rural communities and the use of natural resources in those communities. By November 15 of each year, a university that offers such assistance is required to submit a written report of assistance activities to the Governor and the Legislature.

**First sponsor:** Rep. Griffin (R - Dist 14)

**Disposition:** 2/17 Passed the House, referred to Senate nat res-energy-water.

**HB 2256: *assured water supply; service area***

**Summary:** For the purposes of determining the physical availability of groundwater to be withdrawn through future wells for all assured water supply determinations, the Director of the Department of Water Resources is required to assume that the service area of a water provider that is a municipality is coterminous with the municipality boundaries, the service area of a water provider that is an improvement district is coterminous with its district boundaries, and that the service area of a water provider that is a private water company regulated by the Corporation Commission is coterminous with its certificate of convenience and necessity boundaries.

**First sponsor:** Rep. Cook (R - Dist 8)

**Disposition:** 2/3 withdrawn from House nat res-energy-water and further referred to House mil-pub safety.

Dead

**HB 2257: *jurisdiction; navigable waters; no connection***

**Summary:** This state has exclusive jurisdiction over water features within Arizona that do not have a permanent surface connection with and that may contribute only a minor amount of surface water to navigable waters.

**First sponsor:** Rep. Cook (R - Dist 8)

**Disposition:** 1/24 referred to House nat res-energy-water. Dead

**HB 2258: *assured water; supply; nonlocal water***

**Summary:** For an application for a certificate of assured water supply that proposes to use a water supply other than groundwater withdrawn from within the active management area in which the proposed development is located, the proposed source must be deemed consistent with the goal of the active management area. If the proposed source is stored water recovered within the area of impact, the proposed source must be deemed physically available and the Department of Water Resources is prohibited from reviewing the physical availability of other sources of water. If a municipal provider proposes to use a source of water in the same water system with Central Arizona Project water, surface water, effluent or groundwater, the proposed source does not affect the continuous, legal and physical availability of the proposed source, without regard to the continuous, legal and physical availability of other supplies within the same municipal provider's water system.

**First sponsor:** Rep. Cook (R - Dist 8)

**Disposition:** 1/24 referred to House nat res-energy-water. Dead

**HB 2327: *Arizona Water Authority***

**Summary:** Appropriates an unspecified number (blank in original) of billion dollars from the general fund in FY2022-23 to the Drought Mitigation Revolving Fund.

**First sponsor:** Rep. Bowers (R - Dist 25)

**Disposition:** 1/20 referred to House nat res-energy-water, appro. Dead

**HB 2331: *area of impact; stored water***

**Summary:** For the purpose of statute governing underground water storage, the definition of "area of impact" means the area within one mile of an existing or proposed underground storage facility where the water is or will be stored, the area within one mile of the groundwater replenishment district boundaries that has a permit for a groundwater savings facility where the water is or will be stored, or any other area shown to have been positively impacted by the storage of the water to be recovered.

**First sponsor:** Rep. Cook (R - Dist 8)

**Disposition:** 1/24 referred to House nat res-energy-water. Dead

**HB 2409: *multi-county water districts; storage tax***

**Summary:** The maximum tax levy for water storage of \$0.04 per \$100 of assessed valuation in a multi-county water conservation district is extended through December 31, 2029, after which the maximum tax levy is reduced to \$0.03 per \$100 of assessed valuation. The delayed repeal of statute authorizing the tax levy is extended five years to January 2, 2035.

**First sponsor:** Rep. Griffin (R - Dist 14)

**Disposition:** 2/1 Passed House Natural Resources, Energy & Water

**HB 2411: *coal combustion residuals; program***

**Summary:** Adds a new article to Title 49 (The Environment) allowing the Director of the Department of Environmental Quality to adopt rules to establish and operate a Coal Combustion Residuals (CCR) Program equivalent to or at least as protective as the federal CCR Program for the purpose of obtaining approval to operate the federal CCR Program. Federal CCR regulations may be adopted by reference. The rules are required to provide requirements for issuing, denying, suspending, or modifying individual CCR permits, and must include a list of specified provisions.

**First sponsor:** Rep. Griffin (R - Dist 14)

**Disposition:** 2/17 referred to Senate nat res-energy-water.

**ADWR Position:** Support

**HB 2463: *well drilling; groundwater basins.***

**Summary:** Beginning on the effective date of this legislation, a person is prohibited from constructing and the Department of Water Resources is prohibited from issuing a permit or drilling card for a new well in the Upper San Pedro Groundwater Basin or the Verde Valley Groundwater Subbasin. Some exceptions.

**First sponsor:** Rep. Cano (D - Dist 3)

**Disposition:** 1/24 referred to House nat res-energy-water, land-agri-rural affairs. **Dead**

**HB 2465: *subsequent irrigation non-expansion areas; procedures***

**Summary:** The circumstances that must exist for the Director of the Department of Water Resources to designate an area that is not included in an active management area as a subsequent irrigation non-expansion area are modified to include that there is insufficient groundwater to provide a "reasonably safe supply for irrigation" (defined) of the cultivated lands in the area at the reasonable projected rates of withdrawal, instead of at the current rates of withdrawal. In making the determination, the Director is allowed to consider credible evidence that indicates likely future changes to rates of withdrawal. Also modifies the procedure for the designation of a subsequent irrigation non-expansion area initiated by petition.

**First sponsor:** Rep. Cano (D - Dist 3)

**Disposition:** None **Dead**

**HB 2466: *adequate water supply; statewide requirements***

**Summary:** Counties and municipalities are authorized to approve a subdivision plat only if the subdivider has obtained a water report from the Department of Water Resources that there is an adequate water supply for the subdivision or the subdivider has obtained a written commitment of water service for the subdivision from a city, town or private water company designated as having an adequate water supply. The State Real Estate Commissioner is authorized to issue a public report authorizing the sale or lease of subdivided lands only if the Director has issued a water report that there is an adequate water supply for the subdivision or the subdivider has obtained a written commitment of water service for the subdivision from a city, town or private water company designated as having an adequate water supply.

**First sponsor:** Rep. Cano (D - Dist 3)

**Disposition:** 1/24 referred to House nat res-energy-water, land-agri-rural affairs. **Dead**

**HB 2467: reporting; groundwater pumping; measuring**

**Summary:** A person who withdraws groundwater from a nonexempt well under any circumstances and in any location is required to use a water measuring device approved by the Department of Water Resources (DWR). Some exceptions.

**First sponsor:** Rep. Cano (D - Dist 3)

**Disposition:** None **Dead**

**HB 2510: rural management areas**

**Summary:** A county board of supervisors in a county outside of an active management area and that contains or is bordered by the Colorado River may designate by resolution one or more groundwater basins or subbasins in the county as a rural management area if the board finds that one or more of a list of specified conditions exist. A process for the board to adopt the resolution is established, including public notice, public meetings and a majority vote. The resolution is required to provide for the formation of a 5-member rural management area advisory council to establish management goals for the rural management area and identify best management practices to achieve the goals. The advisory council is required to submit a proposed management plan to the Department of Water Resources (DWR), and DWR is required to take action on the plan within 30 days after receipt. On approval by DWR, the plan applies in the rural management area. Of the monies remaining in the State Lottery Fund each fiscal year after appropriations and other statutory deposits, \$50 million is deposited in the newly established DWR Heritage Fund and spent to implement and support rural management areas.

**First sponsor:** Rep. Biasiucci (R - Dist 5)

**Disposition:** None **Dead**

**HB 2511: subsequent non-expansion areas; procedures**

**Summary:** The circumstances that must exist for the Director of the Department of Water Resources to designate an area that is not included in an active management area as a subsequent irrigation non-expansion area are modified to include that there is insufficient groundwater to provide a "reasonably safe supply for irrigation" (defined) of the cultivated lands in the area at the reasonable projected rates of withdrawal, instead of at the current rates of withdrawal. In making the determination, the Director is allowed to consider credible evidence that indicates likely future changes to rates of withdrawal. Also modifies the procedure for the designation of a subsequent irrigation non-expansion area initiated by petition.

**First sponsor:** Rep. Biasiucci (R - Dist 5)

**Disposition:** None **Dead**

**HB 2512: subsequent non-expansion areas; procedures**

**Summary:** A person with a claim for rights to use any amount of the 164,652 acre-feet of fourth priority Colorado River water that is subject to the Boulder Canyon Project Act and that is available to water users in Arizona for use on federal, state or privately owned lands in Arizona is prohibited from transferring or otherwise conveying that claim for use of that water to any location or use other than an agricultural, municipal, domestic, commercial or industrial use in a Colorado River community.

**First sponsor:** Rep. Cobb (R - Dist 5)

**Disposition:** None **Dead**

**HB 2538: water protection fund; appropriation**

**Summary:** Appropriates \$1 million from the general fund in FY2022-23 to the Arizona Water Protection Fund.

**First sponsor:** Rep. Griffin (R - Dist 14)

**Disposition:** 2/9 Passed House Appropriations

**HB 2539: *nonnative species eradication; projects; appropriation***

**Summary:** Establishes a 7-member Gila River Nonnative Species Eradication Project Advisory Committee to review the progress of "nonnative vegetation invasive species eradication projects" (defined). The Committee is required to submit a report of its recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature by September 1 of each year, and self-repeals October 1, 2025. The Nonnative Vegetation Species Eradication Fund is renamed the Jackie Meck Nonnative Vegetation Species Eradication Fund. Appropriates \$15 million from the general fund in FY2022-23 to the Fund for nonnative vegetation invasive species eradication projects

**First sponsor:** Rep. John (R - Dist 4)

**Disposition:** 2/3 from House appro do pass. ([Amended](#) in LA&)

**HB 2549: *stored water; certificates; impact; accounting***

**Summary:** Various changes to statutes relating to groundwater and assured water supply. For an application for a certificate of assured water supply that proposes to use a water supply other than groundwater withdrawn from within the active management area in which the proposed development is located, the proposed source must be deemed consistent with the goal of the active management area. If the proposed source is stored water recovered within the area of impact, the proposed source must be deemed physically available and the Department of Water Resources is prohibited from reviewing the physical availability of other sources of water. If a municipal provider proposes to use a source of water in the same water system with Central Arizona Project water, surface water, effluent or groundwater, the proposed source does not affect the continuous, legal and physical availability of the proposed source, without regard to the continuous, legal and physical availability of other supplies within the same municipal provider's water system. More.projects

**First sponsor:** Rep. Griffin (R - Dist 14)

**Disposition:** 2/17 retained on House COW calendar.

**ADWR Position:** Neutral

**HB 2556: *water infrastructure finance; sunset repeal***

**Summary:** Repeals the statutory termination date of July 1, 2022 for the Water Infrastructure Finance Authority. Retroactive to July 1, 2022.

**First sponsor:** Rep. Griffin (R - Dist 14)

**Disposition:** 2/3 passed House 59-0; ready for Senate.

**HB 2560: *appropriation DWR; water efficiency projects***

**Summary:** Appropriates \$1 million from the general fund in FY2022-23 to the Department of Water Resources (DWR) to identify water efficiency projects that have significant potential for water savings but that also have legal impediments hindering implementation. DWR is required to identify possible solutions to overcome the legal impediments that hinder implementation of the water efficiency projects, and is required to submit a report of its findings to the Governor and the Legislature by March 1, 2023.

**First sponsor:** Rep. Dunn (R - Dist 13)

**Disposition:** 2/21 hearing in House approps (likely strike everything amendment unrelated)

**HB 2661: *rural management areas; water***

**Summary:** Of the monies remaining in the State Lottery Fund each fiscal year after other statutory appropriations and deposits, \$50 million must be deposited in the newly established Department of Water Resources Heritage Fund. The Director of the Department of Water Resources (DWR) is required to administer the Fund, and is authorized to spend monies in the Fund only to implement and support rural management areas and for funding voluntary, compensated land and water conservation plans approved as

part of rural management area plans and petitions. A county board of supervisors in a county with lands that are outside of an active management area may designate by resolution one or more groundwater basins or subbasins in the county as a rural management area if the board finds that one or more of a list of specified conditions exist. A process for the board to adopt the resolution is established, including public notice, public meetings and a majority vote. The resolution is required to provide for the formation of a 5-member rural management area advisory council to establish management goals for the rural management area and identify best management practices to achieve the goals. The advisory council is required to submit a proposed management plan to DWR, and DWR is required to take action on the plan within 30 days after receipt. On approval by DWR, the plan applies in the rural management area.

**First sponsor:** Rep. Cobb (R - Dist 5)

**Disposition:** none **Dead**

**HB 2677: *rural groundwater projects; list***

**Summary:** By December 31, 2022, the Arizona Commerce Authority is required to develop a list of at least 100 rural groundwater projects outside of active management areas. Requirements for the list are specified. The Authority is required to submit the list to the Governor and the Legislature by December 31, 2022.

**First sponsor:** Rep. Biasiucci (R - Dist 5)

**Disposition:** 2/3 referred to House nat res-energy-water. **Dead**

**HB 2725: *Arizona Water Authority***

**Summary:** By December 31, 2022, the Arizona Commerce Authority is required to develop a list of at least 100 rural groundwater projects outside of active management areas. Requirements for the list are specified. The Authority is required to submit the list to the Governor and the Legislature by December 31, 2022.

**First sponsor:** Rep. Griffin (R - Dist 14)

**Disposition:** 2/3 referred to House nat res-energy-water **Dead**

**HB 2742: *water and energy; improvement district***

**Summary:** Adds a new article to Title 48 (Special Taxing Districts) establishing and regulating water conservation, energy efficiency, renewable energy, and resiliency improvement districts. The governing body of a local government is authorized to adopt a resolution or ordinance establishing a "program" (defined). Local program authorities are authorized to enter into special assessment agreements with property owners to secure special assessment financing for improvements that will result in improvements to energy efficiency, water conservation, or renewable energy. Establishes requirements for financing agreements and special assessments.

**First sponsor:** Rep. Cook (R - Dist 8)

**Disposition:** 2/15 passed House nat res-energy-water

**HB 2761: *water efficient plumbing fixtures***

**Summary:** Beginning January 1, 2024, a person is prohibited from distributing, selling or installing any plumbing fixture for use in Arizona in any new residential, commercial, industrial or public construction or for replacing plumbing fixtures in existing residential, commercial, industrial or public construction, unless the fixture is a "watersense-labeled plumbing fixture" (defined as a fixture that has been tested and certified under the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Watersense Program established under America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018) or the fixture meets or exceeds the water efficiency criteria established by the Program. Some exceptions. Effective January 1, 2024.

**First sponsor:** Rep. Mathis (D - Dist 9)

**Disposition:** 2/2 referred to House nat res-energy-water **Dead**



**HB 2812: rainwater harvesting program**

**Summary:** Establishes the Rainwater Harvesting Grant Program in the Department of Water Resources (DWR) to assist persons in installing passive or active systems to collect and retain rainwater on site. DWR is required to establish an application form and project plan requirements for grant recipients. Requirements for two levels of grants are established. Establishes a list of costs that are not covered by grant monies. Appropriates \$1 million from the general fund in FY2022-23 to DWR for the Program.

**First sponsor:** Rep. Liguori (D - Dist 28)

**Disposition:** 2/10 referred to House nat res-energy-water **Dead**

**HB 2836: interim groundwater review areas**

**Summary:** The designation of an interim water review area in any location not included in an active management area or an irrigation non-expansion area may be initiated by petition to the Director of the Department of Water Resources signed by either at least 1/4 of the number of groundwater users within the boundaries of the groundwater basin or subbasin, or at least 10 percent of the registered voters residing within the boundaries of the groundwater basin or subbasin. After a hearing on the petition, the county board of supervisors is required to call for an election on the question. If a majority of the persons voting on the question approves the formation of the interim water review area, the area is established, and only groundwater uses on land that occurred at any time during the five years preceding the date of the establishment may be continued. No additional uses of groundwater are allowed for a period of five years after the date the interim water review area is established.

**First sponsor:** Rep. Griffin (R - Dist 14)

**Disposition:** 2/15 passed House nat res-energy-water with an amendment

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**Senate**

**SB 1022: groundwater pumping; measuring; reporting**

**Summary:** A person who withdraws groundwater from a nonexempt well under any circumstances and in any location is required to use a water measuring device approved by the Department of Water Resources (DWR), maintain records of the withdrawals, and file an annual report to DWR with specified information on the withdrawals. Some exceptions.

**First sponsor:** Sen. Steele (D - Dist 9)

**Disposition:** 1/10 referred to Senate nat res-energy-water. **Dead**

**SB 1023: well drilling; groundwater basins**

**Summary:** Beginning on the effective date of this legislation, a person is prohibited from constructing and the Department of Water Resources is prohibited from issuing a permit or drilling card for a new well in the Upper San Pedro Groundwater Basin or the Verde Valley Groundwater Subbasin. Some exceptions.

**First sponsor:** Sen. Steele (D - Dist 9)

**Disposition:** 1/10 referred to Senate nat res-energy-water. **Dead**

**SB 1067: well drilling; groundwater basins**

**Summary:** Municipalities with a population of more than 150,000 persons are no longer required to get voter approval before entering into a financial assistance loan repayment agreement with the Water Infrastructure Finance Authority. Emergency clause.

**First sponsor:** Sen. Shope (R - Dist 8)

**Disposition:** 1/10 referred to Senate nat res-energy-water. **Dead**



**SB 1171: unlawful feeding; wildlife; exceptions**

**Summary:** The list of exceptions from the unlawful feeding of wildlife is expanded to include persons placing holiday-related decorations outside of their residences or on their property that are not intended to feed, attract or otherwise entice wildlife.

**First sponsor:** Sen. Gowan (R - Dist 14)

**Disposition:** 2/16 passed Senate NREW hearing (Bill may be amended in the House on treated processed wastewater related issue)

**SB 1435: appropriation; water infrastructure finance authority**

**Summary:** Appropriates \$30 million from the general fund in FY2022-23 to the Water Infrastructure Finance Authority.

**First sponsor:** Sen. Mendez (D - Dist 26)

**Disposition:** 1/26 referred to Senate nat res-energy-water, appro. **Dead**

**SB 1480: watershed health; use; survey**

**Summary:** A water right may be severed from the land to which it is appurtenant or from the site of its use if, with the consent and approval of the owner of such right, the right may be transferred for use for watershed health. The Director of the Department of Water Resources (DWR) is required to establish a set of standard measures to define ecological water needs in Arizona, which must include specified criteria. By December 31, 2024, the Director is required to publish a preliminary survey of the status of the waters in Arizona, including specified information, and post the final survey and responses to all public comments received on the DWR website for a period of at least six months. By December 31 every three years after the initial preliminary survey, the Director of DWR is required to issue a report that includes an assessment of the overall health of each watershed in Arizona, based on an evaluation of specified attributes of the watershed.

**First sponsor:** Sen. Stahl Hamilton(D - Dist 10)

**Disposition:** 1/27 referred to Senate nat res-energy-water, appro. **Dead**

**SB 1481: home sales; water supply disclosure**

**Summary:** Beginning January 1, 2023, a subdivider who sells one or more lots in a subdivision located outside of an active management area is required to record with the county recorder a document that contains a statement of water adequacy or inadequacy for that subdivision.

**First sponsor:** Sen. Stahl Hamilton(D - Dist 10)

**Disposition:** 1/27 referred to Senate nat res-energy-water. **Dead**

**SB 1491: adequate water supply; statewide requirements**

**Summary:** Counties and municipalities are authorized to approve a subdivision plat only if the subdivider has obtained a water report from the Department of Water Resources that there is an adequate water supply for the subdivision or the subdivider has obtained a written commitment of water service for the subdivision from a city, town or private water company designated as having an adequate water supply. The State Real Estate Commissioner is authorized to issue a public report authorizing the sale or lease of subdivided lands only if the Director has issued a water report that there is an adequate water supply for the subdivision or the subdivider has obtained a written commitment of water service for the subdivision from a city, town or private water company designated as having an adequate water supply.

**First sponsor:** Sen. Otondo (D - Dist 4)

**Disposition:** 1/27 referred to Senate nat res-energy-water. **Dead**

**SB 1492: subsequent irrigation non expansion areas; procedures**

**Summary:** The circumstances that must exist for the Director of the Department of Water Resources to designate an area that is not included in an active management area as a subsequent irrigation non-expansion area are modified to include that there is insufficient groundwater to provide a "reasonably safe supply for irrigation" (defined) of the cultivated lands in the area at the reasonable projected rates of withdrawal, instead of at the current rates of withdrawal. In making the determination, the Director is allowed to consider credible evidence that indicates likely future changes to rates of withdrawal. Also modifies the procedure for the designation of a subsequent irrigation non-expansion area initiated by petition.

**First sponsor:** Sen. Otondo (D - Dist 4)

**Disposition:** 1/27 referred to Senate nat res-energy-water. **Dead**

**SB 1600: *water recharge; direct use***

**Summary:** For the purpose of statute governing underground water storage, the definition of "water that cannot reasonably be used directly" is expanded to include the amount of Central Arizona Project water stored underground during the calendar year by a municipal provider in an active management area that does not have a management goal of achieving or maintaining a safe yield condition, in the active management area in which the municipal provider's service area is located.

**First sponsor:** Sen. Shope (R - Dist 8)

**Disposition:** 2/1 referred to Senate nat res-energy-water. **Dead**

**SB 1611: *Arizona Water Authority***

**Summary:** Establishes an Arizona Water Authority, to be governed by a 9-member Board of Directors. Appropriates an unspecified amount (blank in original) from the general fund in FY 2022-23 to the Water Supply Development Revolving Fund.

**First sponsor:** Sen. Kerr (R - Dist 13)

**Disposition:** 2/1 referred to Senate nat res-energy-water. **Dead**

**SB 1656: *water and energy; improvement district***

**Summary:** Adds a new article to Title 48 (Special Taxing Districts) establishing and regulating water conservation, energy efficiency, renewable energy, and resiliency improvement districts. The governing body of a local government is authorized to adopt a resolution or ordinance establishing a "program" (defined). Local program authorities are authorized to enter into special assessment agreements with property owners to secure special assessment financing for improvements that will result in improvements to energy efficiency, water conservation, or renewable energy. Establishes requirements for financing agreements and special assessments.

**First sponsor:** Sen. Pace (R - Dist 25)

**Disposition:** 2/2 referred to Senate nat res-energy-water. **Dead**

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